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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/45/751)]

45/101. New international humanitarian order

The General Assembly

Recalling its resolutions 36/136 of 14 December 1981, 37/201 of 18 December 1982, 38/125 of 16 December 1983, 40/126 of 13 December 1985, 42/120 and 42/121 of 7 December 1987 and 43/129 of 8 December 1988 relating to the promotion of a new international humanitarian order,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the comments made by various Governments regarding the humanitarian order and the work done in this regard by the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues,

Noting the actions being taken by the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system with regard to the humanitarian issues, examined by the Independent Commission, that fall within their respective mandates,

Recognizing with concern the continuing need further to strengthen international responses to growing humanitarian challenges and to adjust actions of governmental and non-governmental organizations to new realities in a fast-changing world,

Bearing in mind the importance of creative humanitarian action at the international as well as the regional and national levels to alleviate human suffering and to promote durable solutions to humanitarian problems,

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1/ A/45/524.

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Convinced of the need for active follow-up to the recommendations and suggestions made by the Independent Commission and noting the role being played in this regard by the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues set up for the purpose,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continuing active support to the efforts to promote a new international humanitarian order;

2. Encourages Governments as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to provide their comments and expertise to the Secretary-General regarding the humanitarian order and the report of the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues;

3. Invites the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues to continue and further strengthen its essential role in following up the work of the Independent Commission;

4. Invites Governments to make available to the Secretary-General, on a voluntary basis, information and expertise on humanitarian issues of concern to them in order to identify opportunities for future action;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to remain in contact with Governments as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations and the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues and to report on the progress made by them to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

6. Decides to review at its forty-seventh session the question of a new international humanitarian order.

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45/102. Promotion of international co-operation in the humanitarian field

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/121 of 7 December 1987 and 43/130 of 8 December 1988,

Noting that one of the purposes of the United Nations, set forth in its Charter, is to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of a humanitarian character,

Recalling also the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ which proclaims, inter alia, that recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Recalling further that everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realized,

Mindful of the fact that unresolved humanitarian problems may impede the effective realization of human rights and even lead to violations of these rights,

Convinced that solving humanitarian problems requires co-operation and harmonization of actions taken by Governments, international bodies, non-governmental organizations and individuals,

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

Mindful also of the significance of the existing workable system to promote, facilitate and co-ordinate humanitarian activities carried out by Governments, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

1. Calls upon Governments, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations further to develop international co-operation in the humanitarian field;

2. Reiterates that international co-operation in the humanitarian field will facilitate better understanding, mutual respect, confidence and tolerance among countries and peoples, thus contributing to a more just and non-violent world;

3. Notes the need to identify humanitarian problems of the highest priority and to develop a universal strategy of action in the humanitarian field;

4. Invites Governments to promote, within existing mechanisms, regular exchanges of information and of national experience in addressing humanitarian problems;

5. Calls for the broadening of the concept of international co-operation in the humanitarian field through effective bilateral dialogue and activities pertaining to specific humanitarian issues;

6. Encourages the international community to contribute substantially and regularly to international humanitarian activities;

7. Invites all non-governmental organizations concerned with the humanitarian issues examined by the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues and working with strictly humanitarian motives to bear in mind the recommendations and suggestions made in the report of the Independent Commission 2/ in the context of their policies and actions in the field;

8. Decides to consider this issue at its forty-seventh session under the item entitled "New international humanitarian order".

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2/ Winning the Human Race? The Report of the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues (London and New Jersey, Zed Books Ltd., 1988).